

IMPLEMENTATION

The Covenanted Ministries of the United Church of Christ are requested to implement this resolution.

Point of personal privilege: Mr. Adam Tietje expressed thanks from LGBT guests. Thank you to delegates and Wider Church Ministries. He requested a moment of silence for the memory of those murdered because of their sexuality and stated angels are rejoicing in heaven because of the impact of this vote.

Point of personal privilege: Mr. Gary Friend (OHIO) stated that the moderator's job is sometimes thankless and all of the moderators have done a fantastic job. The delegates agreed with applause.

7. ON ACTIONS OF HOSTILITY AGAINST ISLAM

Assistant Moderator Aurand called on Mr. John Ramos, Chairperson of Committee Twelve, to present the resolution "On Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community."

Mr. Ramos moved adoption of the resolution, as amended, and spoke to it.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Larry Lannetti (MASS) moved to add "irrational" and remove "Islamaphobia" and add "between fear and ignorance" and strike "Islamaphobic."

Following additional discussion, the question was called.

11-GS-47 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to defeat the proposed amendment.

Mr. David Stewart (ILL) moved to amend the title to "To Counter Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community." Motion was seconded.

11-GS-48 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to amend the title of the resolution to "To Counter Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community."

Ms. Patricia Barnes-McConnell (OGM) moved that "the" be retained and remove "our" in line 88. Motion was seconded.

Discussion followed and Mr. Sean Weston (LCM) moved to call the question. The motion was seconded.

11-GS-49 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to close debate on the amendment to the resolution "To Counter Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community."

11-GS-50 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to defeat the amendment.

Mr. Sean Weston (LCM) then called the question on the amended resolution.

11-GS-51 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to approve the resolution “To Counter Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community,” as amended.

TO COUNTER ACTIONS OF HOSTILITY AGAINST ISLAM AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, recent anti-Muslim actions, including but not limited to rhetorically violent demonstrations at a fundraiser of the Islamic Circle of North America in Yorba Linda, CA (February 13, 2011); Congressional hearings entitled “**The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response**” (March 10, 2011), sponsored by Rep. Peter King (R-NY); and the burning of a Qur'an by a Christian pastor in Florida (March 20, 2011), have heightened our concern; and

WHEREAS, we are concerned that the approach of the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001 may witness increased hostility toward the American Muslim community, and that Islam has already become a political issue that could play prominently in the November 2012 elections; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has affirmed its relationships with the Muslim Community (GS 1989) and engages ecumenically in interfaith dialogue with Muslims, including with the Islamic Society of North America and the Islamic Circle of North America, and supports interfaith dialogue and action worldwide, including Christian-Muslim cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ consistently opposes rhetoric and actions that are based on discrimination or hatred of a race, gender, culture, or faith,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Twenty-eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ expresses its clear support for neighbors in the Muslim community, both in the United States and around the world, who feel the impact of anti-Islamic rhetoric and action; and denounces actions against Islam or Muslims based on ignorance or fear;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Synod encourages all settings of the United Church of Christ to seek ways to learn more about Islam, to engage in relationships with Muslims, and to invite other ecumenical and inter-faith bodies to join with us in this effort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the national setting of the United Church of Christ make available resources to learn about and engage with people of other faiths, and Muslims in particular, and document and publicize actions taken in support of Muslims and people of other faiths, especially in the face of hatred, fear, ignorance, and what has been labeled Islamophobia.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that members and settings of the United Church of Christ speak out against religiously and racially motivated hatred, violence and actions, such as the desecration of religious symbols and sacred texts, and support and publicize public policies, governmental actions, and public activities that ensure our value of religious diversity.

FUNDING

Funding for the implementation of this resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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Wider Church Ministries is requested to be the primary implementer of this resolution.

Assistant Moderator Aurand recognized Ms. Cally Rogers-Witte who introduced Mohammed Sammak to respond to the vote. Mr. Sammak thanked the delegates for sending a clear message of love to the people of the Middle East.

8. MINDFUL AND FAITHFUL EATING

Assistant Moderator Belsom called upon Keith Scott, Chairperson of Committee Two to present the resolution "Mindful and Faithful Eating."

Mr. Scott moved adoption of the resolution as amended and spoke to it.

Mr. Matt Davis (WISC) called attention to a typographical error on line 80. "egological" should be "ecological." The change was noted by Mr. Scott.

Following discussion, Mr. Carlos Sterling (FL) called the question. The motion was seconded.

11-GS-52 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to end debate on the resolution.

11-GS-53 VOTED: The Twenty-eighth General Synod votes to adopt the resolution "Mindful and Faithful Eating," as amended.

MINDFUL AND FAITHFUL EATING

WHEREAS, our dietary choices reflect many of these social, environmental, and economic justice issues, and

WHEREAS, modern intensive farming is a leading cause of land, water, and energy consumption; worldwide animal agriculture contributes more to global warming (18% of greenhouse gases) than all forms of transportation combined (14%) ("Livestock's Long Shadow," UN Food and Agriculture, 2006); and long-distance transport of food further increases the impact of our diets on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the high injury rates and mistreatment of slaughterhouse workers has been well-documented (*Slaughterhouse* by Gail Eisnitz), and

WHEREAS, the intensive crowding and unhealthy living conditions that typify concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) do not show respect for animals, and

WHEREAS, animal and human welfare issues are intricately linked in numerous other ways, such as 1) pollution problems caused by CAFOs, particularly in Iowa and North Carolina; 2)